(*b*) if so, when that fact was brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) what steps have since been taken to effect improvements to the said head sluice?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) In 1920.
(*c*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,21,000 for improvements to the Vajjeswaram head sluice is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know when the Government are going to finish consideration of this estimate?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am glad that the hon. Member has put me this question. The estimate was received too late to be included in the budget and to include it in the budget hereafter it would be necessary to move for a further demand. There have been considerable objections raised in this House to the moving of further demands for grants. I am in great doubt whether I am to do so or not."

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"If there is objection for the Government moving further demands for grants, may I know what the Government are going to do? Will the work be seriously taken up at least next year?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Certainly, Sir, if the House will allow the further demand for grant?"

Expenditure on the Tungabhadra project.

* 1632 *Q.*—Mr. C. OBI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with respect to the Tungabhadra project—

(*a*) what was the amount of money that was allotted and spent for the investigation of the project in the year 1927–28;

(*b*) what was the amount allotted and spent for the same in the year 1928–29; and

(*c*) whether any allotment has been made for the same in the budget for 1929–30 and if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) A sum of Rs. 25,000 was allotted, but only Rs. 2,003 was spent.
(*b*) Rs. 15,000 was originally allotted, but the appropriation has since been raised to Rs. 76,950. Against this an expenditure of Rs. 44,677 has been incurred to the end of December 1928 and the whole amount will it is expected be spent by 31st March next.
(*c*) A sum of Rs. [illegible],52,600 has been provided in the budget estimate for 1929–30 subject to the vote of the Legislative Council.

Action taken on the memorial of the mirasidars of Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks.

* 1633 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 461 answered on 10th October 1928, regarding the memorial submitted to His Excellency the Governor by the ryots and mirasidars of kadarambam parts of the Kulittalai and Trichinopoly taluks, will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what action has been taken by Government on the above memorial?

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A.—G.O. No. 54 I., dated 9th January 1929, [a] is laid on the table. Items (2), (3) and (4) referred to in the Government Order will be investigated by a special subdivision sanctioned for the purpose.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know when this committee will commence its operations?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I believe it is working now."

Repairs to tanks in the East Godavari Agency damaged by heavy rains.

*1634 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tanks that were damaged in East Godavari during the current financial year on account of heavy rains;

(*b*) the probable cost of such damages; and

(*c*) whether any and, if so, what provision for repairs has been made in the budget for 1929-30?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Part II of the papers on "Floods—Vizagapatam and East Godavari—October 1928" which have already been placed on the Council Table. The cost of repairing the damages caused to the Public Works Department works has not been reported. The Superintending Engineer has, however, reported that steps have been taken to carry out all urgent works wherever necessary.

(*c*) There is no separate provision in the budget for meeting the cost of flood damages. It is included in the lump allotment for "Maintenance and repairs"

Re-examination of the Gundalakama scheme.

*1635 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the re-examination of the Gundalakama scheme by the Chief Engineer referred to in the answer to question No. 662, answered on 26th November 1928, has been completed; and

(*b*) if not, at what stage the same is at present?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The estimate for the scheme is under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) who expects to submit it to Government about the middle of March 1929.

Alleged grievances of owners of lands below the Vellalore tank in Coimbatore taluk.

*1636 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the owners of lands below the Vellalore tank in Coimbatore taluk complained that the owners of lands above the tank were taking practically the whole water coming in the channel and that therefore they had to suffer much loss;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 458-459 infra.